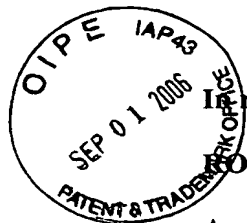




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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 3, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed on August 13, 2006, which is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: